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#### **EXHIBITS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY**

#### Value of YouTube to the music industry

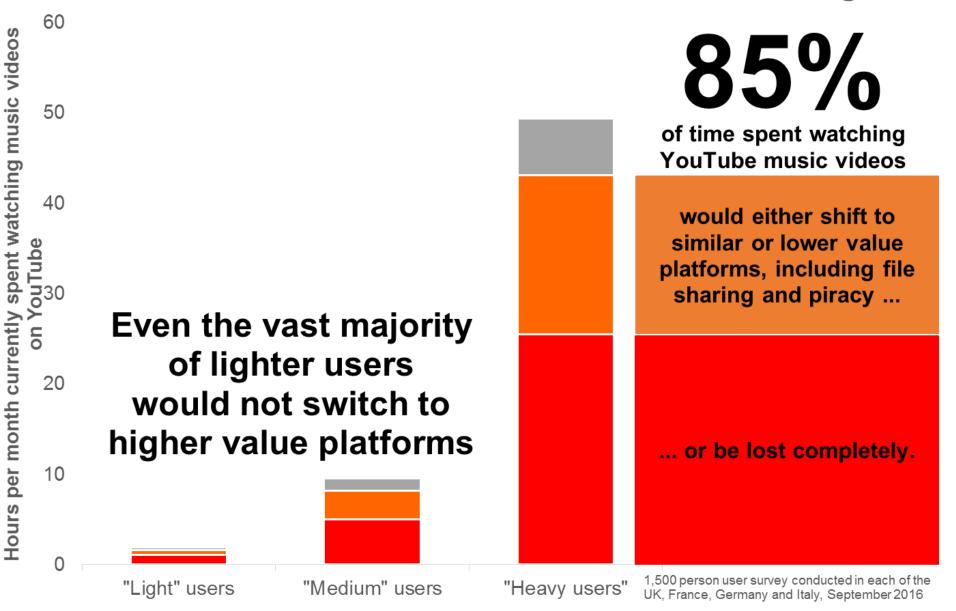
High-Level Working Lunch
Value Creation, Streaming Video and the Music Industry
the Lisbon council

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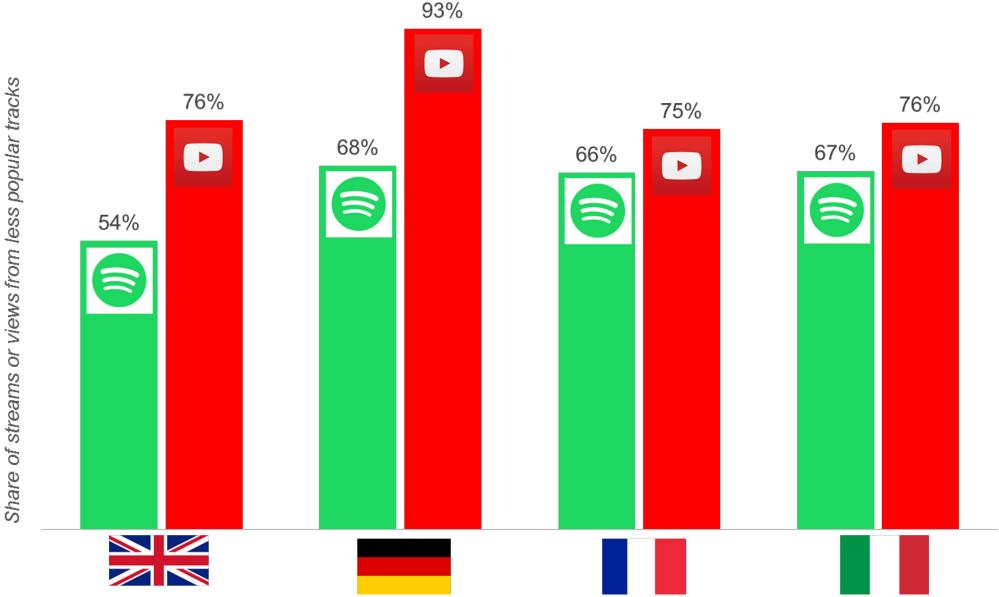
YouTube serves different users and a different purpose

#### Cannibalisation is unlikely



# Cannibalisation is unlikely: YouTube supports different tracks

#### YouTube views tend to be older, less popular tracks



# Direct testing shows no signs of cannibalisation

#### Clouds of confusion

Blocking music on YouTube has not had any significant effect in boosting demand for streaming services, such as Spotify.

Sometimes blocking videos on YouTube is followed by an increase in streaming volumes

Sometimes blocking videos on YouTube is followed by a decrease in streaming volumes

RBB analysis of 108 songs blocked on YouTube, considering corresponding performance of streaming volumes in Germany, compared with performance of streaming volumes in the UK, France and Italy for the same songs.

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blocked on YouTube, streaming volumes?

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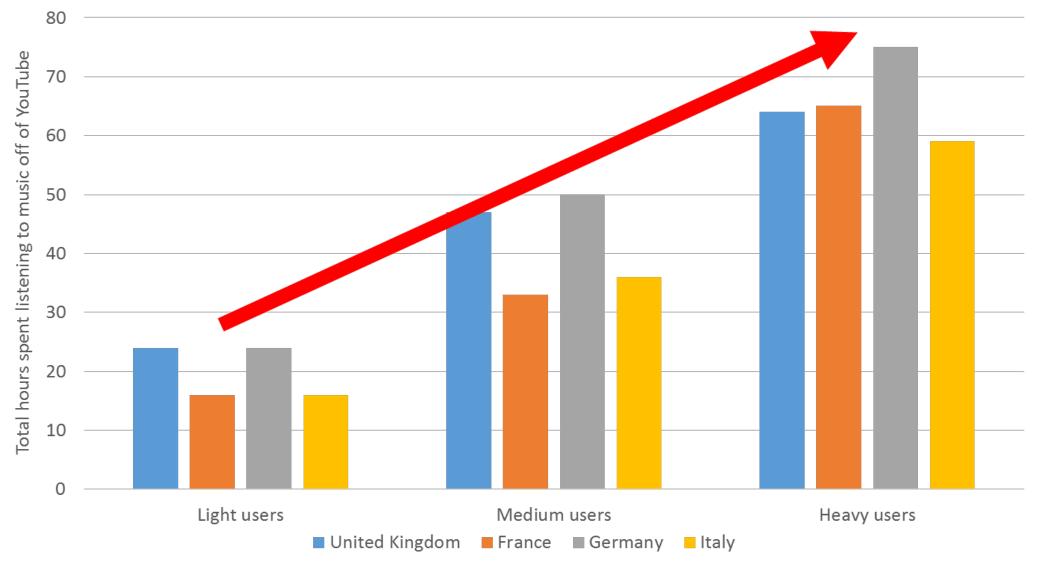
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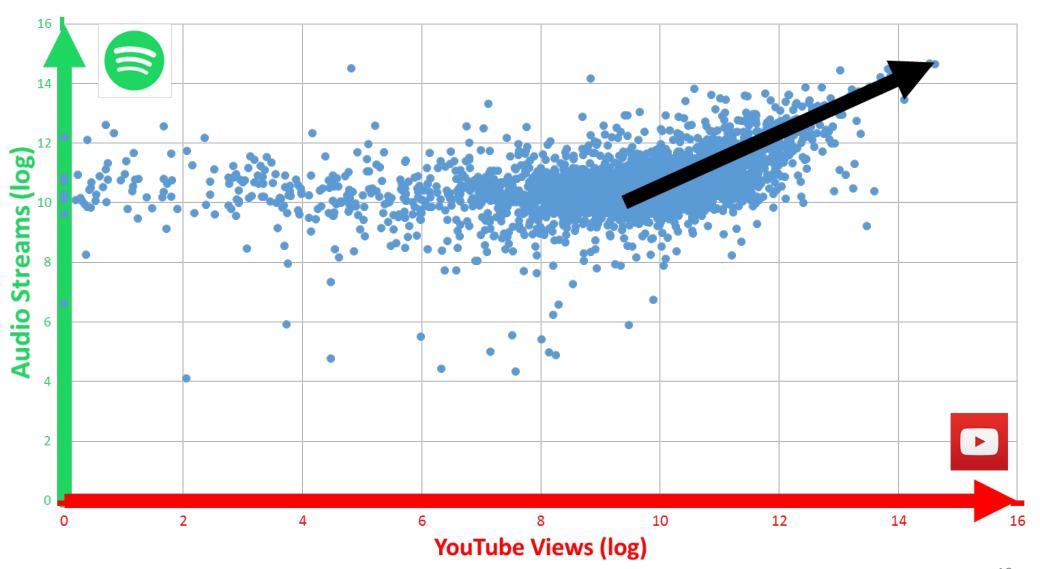
# All signs point towards a promotional effect

#### Users who spend more time listening to music on YouTube, also spend more time listening to music off of youTube

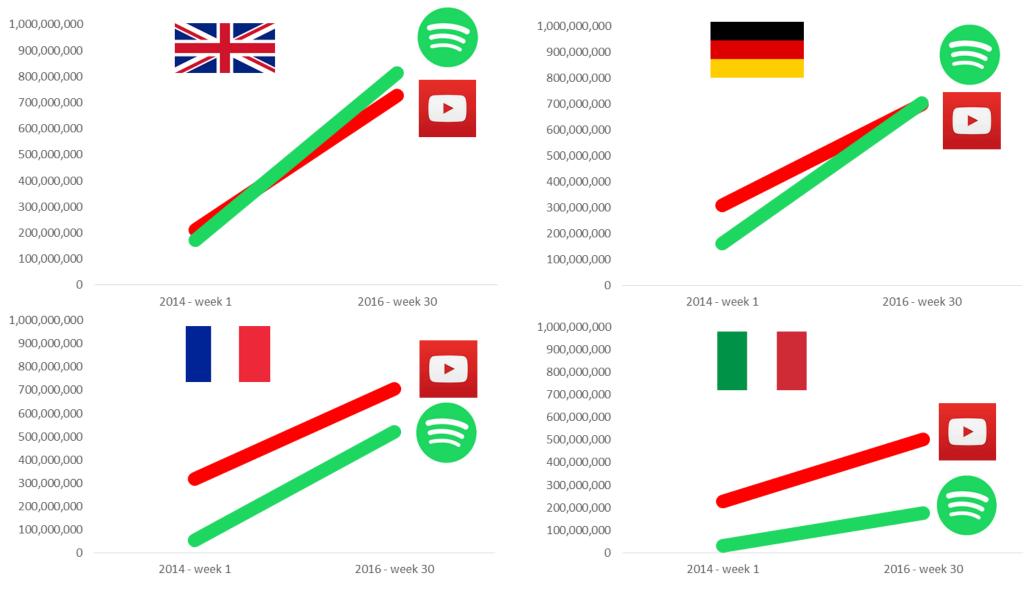


1,500 person user survey conducted in each of the UK, France, Germany and Italy, September 2016

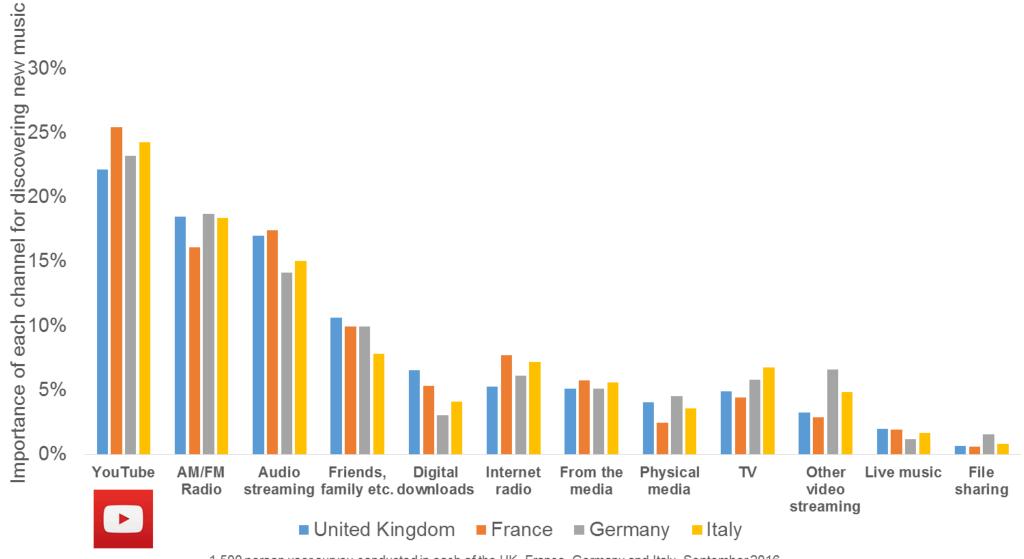
## YouTube views do not lead to lower streams If anything, tracks that are viewed more often on YouTube are also streamed more often on audio platforms



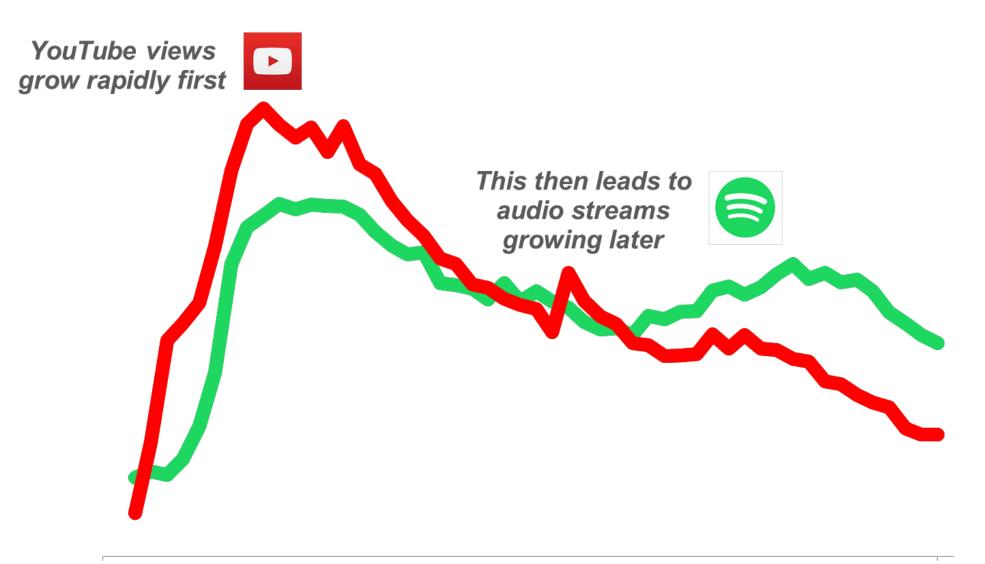
#### Streams continue to grow rapidly, overtaking YouTube views in the UK and Germany



#### YouTube is the most important platform for discovering new music, amongst YouTube users

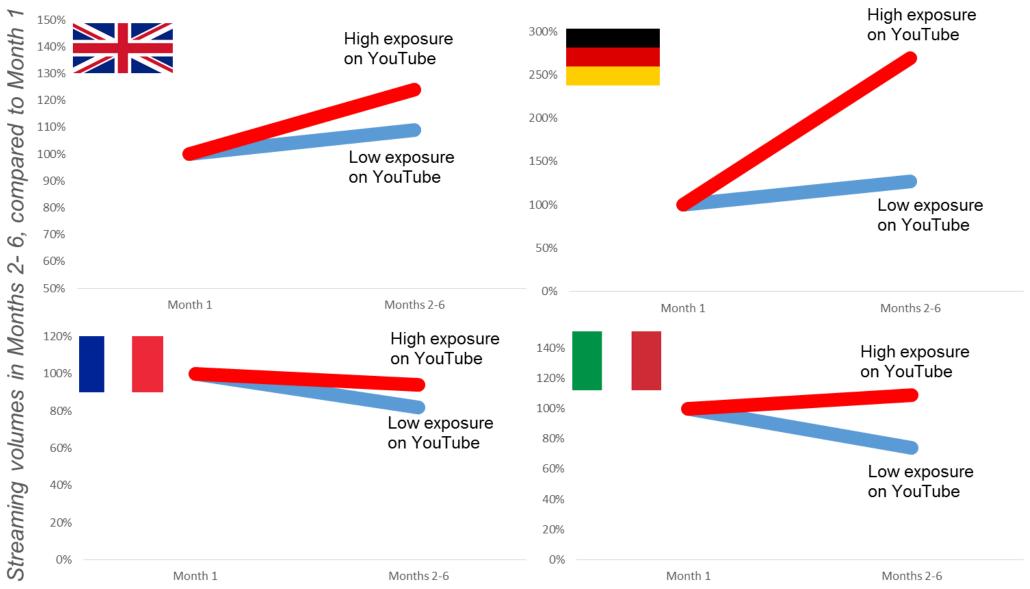


#### YouTube views "lead" audio streams



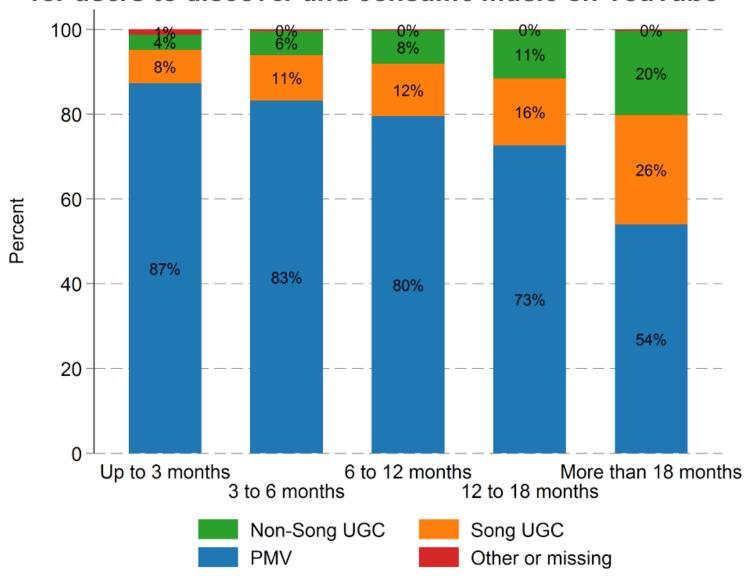
# Direct testing confirms a significant promotional effect

#### Streams grow <u>faster</u> when tracks have <u>higher</u> exposure on YouTube



Music videos generate substantial revenues, and Official PMV content is heavily represented

### The vast majority of new, popular music is official content User generated content is also an important way for users to discover and consume music on YouTube



## YouTube recommendations and playlists are important in driving consumption of music on YouTube, in particular for older, less popular music

